Configuring FIPS Mode

The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 is an U.S. and Canadian government certification standard that defines requirements that the cryptographic modules must follow. The FIPS specifies best practices for implementing cryptographic algorithms, handling key material and data buffers, and working with the operating system.

In Cisco IOS XR software, these applications are verified for FIPS compliance:

- Secure Shell (SSH)
- Secure Socket Layer (SSL)
- Transport Layer Security (TLS)
- Internet Protocol Security (IPSec) for Open Shortest Path First version 3 (OSPFv3)
- Simple Network Management Protocol version 3 (SNMPv3)
- AAA Password Security

Note Any process that uses any of the following cryptographic algorithms is considered non-FIPS compliant:

- Rivest Cipher 4 (RC4)
- Message Digest (MD5)
- Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC) MD5
- Data Encryption Standard (DES)

The Cisco Common Cryptographic Module (C3M) provides cryptographic services to a wide range of the networking and collaboration products of Cisco. This module provides FIPS-validated cryptographic algorithms for services such as RTP, SSH, TLS, 802.1x, and so on. The C3M provides cryptographic primitives and functions for the users to develop any protocol.

By integrating with C3M, the Cisco IOS-XR software is compliant with the FIPS 140-2 standards and can operate in FIPS mode, level 1 compliance.

AAA Password Security for FIPS compliance is available from Cisco IOS XR Software Release Release 6.2.1 and later. See AAA Password Security for FIPS Compliance.

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Prerequisites for Configuring FIPS

Install and activate the **hfr-k9sec-px.pie** file.

You must be in a user group associated with a task group that includes the proper task IDs. The command reference guides include the task IDs required for each command.

If you suspect user group assignment is preventing you from using a command, contact your AAA administrator for assistance.

Installing and Activating the PIE

The Package Installation Envelope (PIE) files, are installable software files with the .pie extension. PIE files are used to copy one or more software components onto the router. A PIE may contain a single component, a group of components (called a package), or a set of packages (called a composite package).

Use the **show install committed** command in EXEC mode to verify the committed software packages.

You must install and activate the **hfr-k9sec-px.pie** file to configure FIPS. To install and activate the PIE, download the **hfr-k9sec-px.pie** to a TFTP server.

For more information about installing PIEs, refer to *Upgrading and Managing Cisco IOS XR Software section* of the *System Management Configuration Guide for Cisco CRS Routers*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **admin**
2. **install add** *tftp://<IP address of tftp server>/<location of pie on server>*
3. **install activate** *device:package*
4. **install commit**
5. **exit**
6. **show install committed**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**admin** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# admin`	Enters administration EXEC mode.
Step 2	**install add** *tftp://<IP address of tftp server>/<location of pie on server>* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(admin)# install add tftp://172.201.11.140/auto/tftp-users1/pie/`	Copies the contents of a package installation envelope (PIE) file to a storage device.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**install activate** *device:package* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(admin)# install activate disk0:hfr-k9sec-px.pie`	Activates the respective package and adds more functionality to the existing software.
Step 4	**install commit** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(admin)# install commit`	Saves the active software set to be persistent across designated system controller (DSC) reloads.
Step 5	**exit** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(admin)# exit`	Exits from the admin mode.
Step 6	**show install committed** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show install committed`	Shows the list of the committed software packages.

How to Configure FIPS

Perform these tasks to configure FIPS.

Enabling FIPS mode

Before you begin

Refer to the Installing and Activating the PIE, on page 2 section for information on installing and activating the image on the router.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **crypto fips-mode**
3. **commit**
4. **show logging**
5. **admin**
6. **reload location all**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure**	
Step 2	**crypto fips-mode** **Example:**	Enters FIPS configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	`RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#crypto fips-mode`	**Note** Stop new incoming SSH sessions while configuring or unconfiguring **crypto fips-mode**. Restart the router upon configuration.
Step 3	**commit**	
Step 4	**show logging** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show logging`	Displays the contents of logging buffers. **Note** Use the **show logging | i fips** command to filter FIPS specific logging messages.
Step 5	**admin** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#admin`	Enters into the admin EXEC mode.
Step 6	**reload location all** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(admin)#reload location all`	Reloads a node or all nodes on a single chassis or multishelf system.

Configuring FIPS-compliant Keys

Perform these steps to configure the FIPS-compliant keys:

Before you begin

Refer the configuration steps in the Enabling FIPS mode, on page 3 section for enabling the FIPS mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **crypto key generate rsa [usage-keys | general-keys]** *key label*
2. **crypto key generate dsa**
3. **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**
4. **show crypto key mypubkey dsa**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**crypto key generate rsa [usage-keys | general-keys]** *key label* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#crypto key generate rsa general-keys rsakeypair`	Generate a RSA key pair. Ensure that all the key pairs meet the FIPS requirements. The length of the key can vary from 1024 to 2048 bits. The option **usage-keys** generates separate RSA key pairs for signing and encryption. The option **general-keys** generates a general-purpose RSA key pair for signing and encryption. To delete the RSA key pair, use the **crypto key zeroize rsa** *keypair-label* command.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**crypto key generate dsa** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#crypto key generate dsa`	Generate a DSA key pair if required. Ensure that all the key pairs meet the FIPS requirements. The length of the key is restricted to1024 bits. To delete the DSA key pair, use the **crypto key zeroize dsa** *keypair-label* command.
Step 3	**show crypto key mypubkey rsa** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show crypto key mypubkey rsa`	Displays the existing RSA key pairs
Step 4	**show crypto key mypubkey dsa** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show crypto key mypubkey dsa`	Displays the existing DSA key pairs

Configuring FIPS-compliant Key Chain

Perform these steps to configure the FIPS-compliant key chain:

Before you begin

Refer the configuration steps in the Enabling FIPS mode, on page 3 section for enabling the FIPS mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **key chain** *key-chain-name*
3. **key** *key-id*
4. **cryptographic-algorithm** {**HMAC-SHA1-20** | **SHA-1**}
5. **commit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#configure`	Enters the global configuration mode.
Step 2	**key chain** *key-chain-name* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#key chain mykeychain`	Creates a key chain.
Step 3	**key** *key-id* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mykeychain)#key 1`	Creates a key in the key chain.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**cryptographic-algorithm** {**HMAC-SHA1-20** | **SHA-1**} **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-mykeychain-1)#cryptographic-algorithm HMAC-SHA1-20`	Configures the cryptographic algorithm for the key chain. Ensure that the key chain configuration always uses SHA-1 as the hash or keyed hash message authentication code (hmac) algorithm.
Step 5	**commit**	

Configuring FIPS-compliant Certificates

Perform these steps to configure the FIPS-compliant certificates:

Before you begin

Refer the configuration steps in the Enabling FIPS mode, on page 3 section for enabling the FIPS mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **crypto ca trustpoint** *ca-name key label*
3. **commit**
4. **show crypto ca certificates**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure**	
Step 2	**crypto ca trustpoint** *ca-name key label* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#crypto ca trustpoint msiox rsakeypair`	Configures the trustpoint by utilizing the desired RSA keys. Ensure that the certificates meet the FIPS requirements for key length and signature hash or encryption type. **Note** The minimum key length for RSA or DSA key is 1024 bits. The required hash algorithm is SHA-1-20.
Step 3	**commit**	
Step 4	**show crypto ca certificates** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show crypto ca certificates`	Displays the information about the certificate

Configuring FIPS-compliant OSPFv3

Perform these steps to configure the FIPS-compliant OSPFv3:

Before you begin

Refer the configuration steps in the Enabling FIPS mode, on page 3 section for enabling the FIPS mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **router ospfv3** *process name*
3. **area** *id*
4. **authentication** {**disable** | **ipsec spi** *spi-value* **sha1** [**clear** | **password**] *password*}
5. **exit**
6. **encryption** {**disable** | {**ipsec spi** *spi-value* **esp** {**3des** | **aes** [**192** | **256**] [**clear** | **password**] *encrypt-password*} [**authentication sha1** [**clear** | **password**] *auth-password*] } }
7. **commit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure**	
Step 2	**router ospfv3** *process name* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#router ospfv3 ospfname`	Configures the OSPFv3 process.
Step 3	**area** *id* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ospfv3)#area 1`	Configures the OSPFv3 area ID. The ID can either be a decimal value or an IP address.
Step 4	**authentication** {**disable**	**ipsec spi** *spi-value* **sha1** [**clear**	**password**] *password*} **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ospfv3-ar)#authentication ipsec spi 256 sha1 password pa1`	Enables authentication for OSPFv3. Note that the OSPFv3 configuration supports only SHA-1 for authentication.
Step 5	**exit** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ospfv3-ar)#exit`	Exits OSPFv3 area configuration and enters the OSPFv3 configuration mode.
Step 6	**encryption** {**disable**	{**ipsec spi** *spi-value* **esp** {**3des**	**aes** [**192**	**256**] [**clear**	**password**] *encrypt-password*} [**authentication sha1** [**clear**	**password**] *auth-password*] } } **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-ospfv3)#encryption ipsec spi 256 esp 3des password pwd`	Encrypts and authenticates the OSPFv3 packets. Ensure that the OSPFv3 configuration uses the following for encryption in the configuration. • 3DES: Specifies the triple DES algorithm. • AES: Specifies the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm. Ensure that SHA1 is chosen if the authentication option is specified.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**commit**	

Configuring FIPS-compliant SNMPv3 Server

Perform these steps to configure the FIPS-compliant SNMPv3 server:

Before you begin

Refer the configuration steps in the Enabling FIPS mode, on page 3 section for enabling the FIPS mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **snmp-server user** *username groupname* {**v3** [**auth sha** {**clear** | **encrypted**} *auth-password* [**priv** {**3des** |**aes** { **128** | **192** | **256**} } {**clear** | **encrypted** } *priv-password*]] } [**SDROwner** | **SystemOwner**] *access-list-name*
3. **commit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#configure`	Enters the global configuration mode.
Step 2	**snmp-server user** *username groupname* {**v3** [**auth sha** {**clear**	**encrypted**} *auth-password* [**priv** {**3des** |**aes** { **128**	**192**	**256**} } {**clear**	**encrypted** } *priv-password*]] } [**SDROwner**	**SystemOwner**] *access-list-name* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#snmp-server user user1 g v3 auth sha clear pass priv aes 128 clear privp`	Configures the SNMPv3 server.
Step 3	**commit**	

Configuring FIPS-compliant SSH Client and Server

Perform these steps to configure the FIPS-compliant SSH Client and the Server:

Before you begin

Refer the configuration steps in the Enabling FIPS mode, on page 3 section for enabling the FIPS mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **ssh** {*ipv4-address* | *ipv6-address*} **cipher aes** {**128-CTR** | **192-CTR** | **256-CTR**} **username** *username*
2. **configure**
3. **ssh server v2**
4. **commit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**ssh** {*ipv4-address* | *ipv6-address*} **cipher aes** {**128-CTR** | **192-CTR** | **256-CTR**} **username** *username* **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#ssh 10.1.2.3 cipher aes 128-CTR username user1`	Configures the SSH client. Ensure that SSH client is configured only with the FIPS-approved ciphers. AES(Advanced Encryption Standard)-CTR (Counter mode) is the FIPS-compliant cipher algorithm with key lengths of 128, 192 and 256 bits.
Step 2	**configure**	
Step 3	**ssh server v2** **Example:** `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)#ssh server v2`	Configures the SSH server.
Step 4	**commit**	

Configuration Examples for Configuring FIPS

This section provides examples for configuring FIPS.

Configuring FIPS: Example

This example shows how to configure FIPS:

```
RP/0/3/CPU0:SSH#configure
RP/0/3/CPU0:SSH(config)#crypto fips-mode
RP/0/3/CPU0:SSH(config)#commit
RP/0/3/CPU0:SSH(config)#end
```

This example shows the output of **show logging** command:

```
RP/0/3/CPU0:SSH(config)#crypto fips-mode
RP/0/3/CPU0:SSH(config)#commit
RP/0/3/CPU0:SSH(config)#end
RP/0/3/CPU0:SSH#show logging

Syslog logging: enabled (0 messages dropped, 0 flushes, 0 overruns)
    Console logging: level debugging, 60 messages logged
    Monitor logging: level debugging, 0 messages logged
    Trap logging: level informational, 0 messages logged
```

```
    Buffer logging: level debugging, 3 messages logged

Log Buffer (9000000 bytes):
<output omitted>

Log Buffer (307200 bytes):

RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:Apr 16 12:48:17.736 : cepki[433]: The configuration setting for FIPS mode
has been modified. The system must be reloaded to finalize this configuration change. Please
 refer to the IOS XR System Security Configuration Guide, Federal Information Process
Standard(FIPS) Overview section when modifying the FIPS mode setting.
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:Apr 16 12:48:17.951 : config[65757]: %MGBL-CONFIG-6-DB_COMMIT :
Configuration committed by user 'lab'. Use 'show configuration commit changes 1000000002'
to view the changes.
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:Apr 16 12:48:23.988 : config[65757]: %MGBL-SYS-5-CONFIG_I : Configured from
 console by lab


....
....
....
```